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Page 10 Page 12 1 Would you raise your right hand, please? 1 understanding and answering accurately? 2 2 (Witness sworn by the court reporter.) A. No. I'm ready. 3 Q. Okay. Thank you. This is your deposition. THE REPORTER: Thank you. 3 4 You are not noticed for very many topics, so I don't --4 And statements -- you can put your hand 5 down --5 I don't see this going too long, but I want you to know 6 THE WITNESS: Okay. 6 that if you have a need for a break at any time, you are 7 THE REPORTER: Statements by the court 7 not my hostage; you can take a break. The only thing I 8 reporter, according to Rule 30(b) have been waived by 8 ask is that we take the break after you answer my all parties present. 9 question. So if there's a question still out there on 10 Would Counsel please state any agreements 10 the table, that you answer it before we go on the break. 11 that haven't already been stated on the record, on the 11 Is that all right with you? 12 record. Just according to the Federal Rules, correct? 12 A. Yes. 13 MS. PERALES: We have no additional 13 Q. All right. And you're doing a great job of 14 agreements to state. 14 answering out loud, but I'm going to remind you that the 15 court reporter cannot take down head nods or shakes or 15 THE REPORTER: Thank you. 16 MS. PERALES: Are you ready, Mr. Lopez? 16 shrugs, so will you agree to make your answers out loud? 17 THE WITNESS: Oh, yeah. 17 A. Yes. REVELINO LOPEZ, 18 Q. Thank you. And then, of course, if you would, 18 19 having being first duly sworn, testified as follows: 19 wait for me to finish my question before you start your 20 **EXAMINATION** 20 answer and I'll wait for you to finish your answer 21 BY MS. PERALES: 21 before I start my next question so we don't talk over 22 Q. Can you please state your name for the record? 22 each other. Is that okay? 23 A. Rivelino Lopez. 23 A. Yes. 24 24 Q. Thank you. My name is Nina Perales, and I Q. Thank you. I'm entitled to your best estimate 25 represent some of the Plaintiffs in this case. I'm with 25 but I don't want you to guess on anything. Page 11 Page 13 1 the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, 1 Do you understand that instruction? 2 MALDEF, and I represent organizations and voters in this 2 A. Yes. 3 case who are challenging the law we refer to as SB 1. Q. Okay. Thank you. If you don't understand a 4 A. Okay. 4 question, will you please ask me to rephrase it or 5 Q. Have you ever had your deposition taken before? 5 repeat it. 6 A. Before February, I had zero. Now this is my 6 A. Okay. 7 third one in the last two months, yeah, so... 7 Q. All right. So I want to make sure if you give 8 Q. Well, then you're an expert. 8 me an answer, that you have a good understanding of what A. Yeah. 9 9 I'm asking. Okay? Q. I'm just going to, quickly, because you are 10 A. Okay. 11 experienced, go through some of the ground rules to Q. And then, finally, I might use some terms 11 12 refresh your memory of how we do some of this. 12 interchangeably. So, for example, if I use the term 13 A. All right. 13 "Hispanic" or "Latino," will you understand those two 14 Q. Do you understand that you are under oath? 14 terms to mean the same thing for the purpose of this 15 deposition? 15 A. Yes. 16 Q. And that the testimony that you provide today 16 A. Yes. 17 in this deposition is as if you were sitting in court 17 Q. And if I use the term "limited English 18 giving that testimony to a Judge? Do you understand 18 proficient," will you understand, for the purpose of 19 that? 19 this deposition, that I mean that it is a person for 20 A. Yes. 20 whom English is not their primary language and they have 21 Q. Okay. Is there anything today that would 21 difficulty communicating in English?

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A. Okay. Yes.

22 prevent you from giving me your full attention and

25 Is there anything that would prevent you from

23 responding accurately? For example, are you ill, or are

24 you taking any medication that makes your head fuzzy?

Q. All right. And then if I use the term "ABBM,"

24 do you understand that to mean application for ballot by

25 mail, or is that not a term you're familiar with?

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Page 18 Page 20 A. In-person early voting, in-person election day 1 (indicating) from your attorneys at Dallas County. 2 and then other, which includes mail ballot and 2 A. Okay. 3 3 provisionals. Q. And do you see --Q. Okay. And does that have just data for 2022? 4 Do I need to hold it up or -- so that --5 A. '22, 2018 and 2014. 5 A. -- everybody -- oh. 6 Q. Okay. 6 7 A. Yeah. Q. It's okay --7 A. Okay. 8 Q. Thank you. And later on, when we're on a 8 9 break, I'll ask your lawyers if that's been produced to 9 Q. -- but it's very kind of you to offer. 10 us. And if it hasn't been produced to us, I'll ask to 10 A. Okay. 11 take a copy of that. Okay? 11 Q. Do you see that your name is listed on here, on A. Okay. 12 the far right column (indicating) next to certain 12 13 topics? 13 Q. And then I'll also ask you some questions about 14 it, too. 14 A. Yes. 15 Q. Okay. And are you prepared to speak on those 15 A. Okay. 16 Q. Okay? 16 topics that your name is associated with? A. Yes. 17 MS. PERALES: I'd like to mark this 17 18 Q. Now, do you understand that because you are 18 Exhibit 1. 19 designated on certain topics, the answers that you give 19 (Deposition Exhibit Number 1 marked.) 20 THE REPORTER: Would you like me to hand 20 are on behalf of the Dallas County Elections Department? 21 it to him? 21 A. Yes. 22 Q. Tell me your current job title. 22 MS. PERALES: Yes, please. 23 THE REPORTER: Okay. 23 A. Voter Registration Manager. 24 Q. Okay. How long have you held that position? MS. PERALES: My arms are not long enough. 24 25 25 (Document handed to the witness and Counsel.) A. 11 years. Page 19 Page 21 Q. Mr. Lopez, I have handed you what has been --Q. And what was your job before you became the 1 1 2 or you -- you have received what has been marked Exhibit **Voter Registration Manager?** 3 1 for this deposition. A. I worked with the City of Dallas. 4 Do you recognize this document? 4 Q. And what were you doing there? 5 A. I think I have seen it. I haven't gone through 5 A. I was a supervisor at one of the local rec 6 it; but I have seen it, yes. 6 centers. Q. Okay. Do you understand that you're testifying 7 Q. And where was that rec center? 8 today in response to this Notice of Deposition? 8 At Harry Stone Recreation Center. 9 A. Yes. 9 Q. And what neighborhood is that in? Q. Okay. And if you'll turn with me to Page 9, do 10 A. Kind of far East Dallas. 11 you see up at the top it's marked Exhibit A? Q. Okay. And so you went from that position with 11 12 A. Yes. 12 the City of Dallas to become the Voter Registration 13 Q. Okay. And then if you just look through it, 13 Manager --14 there are some definitions and then there are some 14 A. Uh-huh. 15 topics, some numbered topics that begin on Page 12, but 15 Q. -- for Dallas --16 I will -- yeah. They begin on Page 12. 16 A. Yes. 17 Do you see those there? 17 Q. -- County? 18 A. Yes. 18 A. Yes. 19 Q. Okay. 19 Q. Okay. Are you from Dallas originally? 20 MS. PERALES: Can we mark this Number 2? 20 A. Born and raised, yes. 21 21 (Deposition Exhibit Number 2 marked.) Q. Where did you go to high school? 22 22 (Document handed to the witness and Counsel.) A. I lived in Houston about five years, so I did 23 Q. And Mr. Lopez, you -- you have been handed what 23 my whole high school career down in Houston at Clear

24 Creek High School.

Q. Okay. Clear Creek.

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24 has been marked Deposition Exhibit Number 2, and I'll

25 represent to you that this is a chart that we received

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- A. And then I came back to Dallas.
- 2 Q. Then you came back here?
- 3 A. Uh-huh.

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- 4 Q. Did you do any schooling after high school?
- 5 A. Yes. I went to Mountain View College for a few
- 6 years and then I transferred over to Dallas Baptist
- 7 University and that's where I graduated.
- 8 Q. Okay. And you got a bachelor's degree?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Have you done any schooling after that?
- 11 A. No.
- 12 Q. So, with respect to your current position as
- 13 the Voter Registration Manager, what are your duties?
- 14 A. I oversee the voter registration area, and we
- 15 maintain voter lists, add and update voter information,
- 16 whether they're changing their address, changing their
- 17 name. We work with the Secretary of State, uploading
- 18 files, downloading files, sending voter history over to
- 19 the Secretary of State, working on mapping, you know,
- 20 precincts and -- and stuff like that. So we just --
- 21 just maintain all the voters, 1.4 million voters in
- 22 Dallas County.
- 23 Q. That's a lot of voters.
- 24 A. Oh, yeah.
- 25 Q. Earlier I was telling you that the Bexar County

- Page 22 1 Q. -- I understand.
 - 2 Do you know how many voters in Dallas County
 - 3 you do not have either a driver's license number or the
 - 4 last four of the Social?
 - 5 A. It's -- I know 99.46 percent do have a driver's
 - 6 license or a Social on record. So about a half a
 - 7 percent of our -- our registered voters. I guess it
 - 8 would be close to 70,000.
 - 9 Q. Do you know how many people only have one
 - 10 number and not both numbers?
 - 11 A. 97.13 percent have at least one.
 - 12 Q. Have at least one?
 - 13 A. Uh-huh.
 - 14 Q. But do you -- can you tell me how many lack
 - 15 both numbers?
 - 16 A. Probably close to 70,000.
 - 17 Q. Okay. Yes. I asked that question --
 - 18 A. Yeah.
 - 19 Q. -- wrong. Let me try again.
 - 20 How many of your registered voters only have
 - 21 one number and not a second number?
 - 22 A. That would be -- I want to say -- well, because
 - 23 97 percent of them have either a Texas Driver's License
 - 24 or --
 - 25 Q. Uh-huh.

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- 1 Elections Administrator refers to the big counties as
- 2 "the big boys." Have you heard that before?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Yeah. Dallas County is one of the big boys,
- 5 isn't it?
- 6 A. Oh, yeah.
- 7 Q. Yeah. Are you familiar with the TEAM system?
- 8 A. Yes
- 9 Q. Is Dallas County an online county or an offline
- 10 county?
- 11 A. Offline.
- 12 Q. Do you know why Dallas County is an offline
- 13 county?
- 14 A. I think the larger counties, it would be too
- 15 much for the State system to handle. So I guess about
- 16 half the state, especially the larger ones, have their
- 17 own VR database.
- 18 Q. Okay. I'm going to ask these questions just --
- 19 not because I'm going to go into them deeply with you.
- 20 I just want to make sure I understand what you know --
- 21 A. Okay.
- 22 Q. -- about your relationship with the TEAM
- 23 system. And like I said, I'm not going to go deep, but
- 24 I just want to make sure --
- 25 A. Okay.

- 1 A. -- an ID.
 - 2 Q. Uh-huh.
 - 3 A. So, yeah, I'll have to look at that. I don't
 - 4 know that number off the top of my head.
 - 5 Q. Okay. And so what you -- just so you
 - 6 understand what I'm getting at, if you have a driver's
 - 7 license number for me --
 - 8 A. Uh-huh.
 - 9 Q. -- but you don't have my Social --
 - 10 A. Right.
 - 11 Q. -- or you have my Social, but you don't have my
 - 12 driver's license.
 - 13 So people for whom you have one number filled
 - 14 in, but you don't have a second number for them, you
- 15 would have to go back and try to see how many that were?
- 16 A. Uh-huh.
- 17 Q. Okay.
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Okay. And now with respect to TEAM, do you
- 20 have knowledge of whether you received an update from
- 21 TEAM -- "you," meaning Dallas County -- received an
- 22 update for TEAM sometime around December or January that
- 23 was from the Secretary of State that went into your
- 24 system that had additional ID numbers for your
- 25 registered voters?

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- 1 A. Not in December and January. On February 22nd,
- 2 we received an import that contained driver's license or
- 3 Socials. And our vendor matched those up, and whatever
- 4 voters didn't have a driver's license or Social, they
- 5 applied it to their record.
- 6 Q. And you were able to bring that import in; you
- 7 didn't have any problems with your data coming in?
- 8 A. No.
- 9 Q. And that was on February 22nd?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Okay. Okay. I'm going to ask you some
- 12 questions about the period 2018 to the present.
- 13 A. Okay.
- 14 Q. First, let me ask you whether, in 2018, you
- 15 used what are sometimes called vote centers or
- 16 countywide polling places. Let's just start with for
- 17 early voting.
- 18 A. Uh-huh.
- 19 Q. Did you use vote centers or countywide polling
- 20 places for early voting since 2018?
- 21 A. Yes. Where anybody can vote at any early
- 22 voting location, yes.
- 23 Q. Yes. Do you have a phrase that you use for
- 24 that here in Dallas?
- 25 A. Well, before we went to vote centers for

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 1 Q. -- before they start closing precinct-based
 2 polling places.
- 3 Is that an approach that Dallas County is 4 taking place, as well; or have you started closing
- 5 precinct-based in-person polls systematically?
- 5 precinct-based in-person polis systematically?
- 6 A. Right. We don't have any precinct-based
- 7 anymore. We just went straight to vote centers.8 Q. Okay. So if there's a particular elementary
- 9 school, for example, that people know that they -- that
- 10 they historically would vote at, from that
- 11 neighborhood -- let's say they would all go to that
- 12 elementary school -- have you started closing those
- 13 types of, you know, polling places and redirecting
- 14 (indicating) voters to the vote centers that might be
- 15 fewer?
- 16 A. That is currently happening right now. In
- 17 2019, they decided to keep all polling places open for
- 18 vote centers.
- 19 Q. Uh-huh.
- 20 A. So right now, they are in the process of doing
- 21 that --
- 22 Q. Okay.
- 23 A. -- yes.
- 24 Q. Got it. Thank you. And so for the March 1st,
- 25 2022, primary, all your polling places were vote

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- 1 election day, we just called it early voting, yeah. So,
- 2 yeah.
- 3 Q. Okay. And so you've mentioned vote centers for 4 election day.
- 5 A. Uh-huh.
- 6 Q. Do you use vote centers for election day now?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. And can you tell me when you started using vote
- 9 centers for election day?
- 10 A. 2019.
- 11 Q. Okay. Have you closed any precinct polling
- 12 places since you implemented vote centers on election
- 13 day?
- 14 A. Me, personally (pointing), like --
- 15 Q. Dallas County.
- 16 A. Oh, Dallas County?
- 17 Q. Yeah.
- 18 A. Yes. Each election, polling places sometimes
- 19 have to be closed, yes.
- 20 Q. So I know that, for some counties, they are
- 21 bringing in vote centers for election day; but they
- 22 haven't yet started closing or eliminating (indicating)
- 23 precinct-based polling places. They are trying to, I
- 24 think, get the vote center thing in there --
- 25 A. Oh, okay.

- 1 centers; is that correct?
 - 2 A. Correct.
 - 3 Q. And you expect to do that, as well, for the
 - 4 November 2022 general election?
 - 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Okay. In -- do you recall -- do you recall the
- 7 hours that you had polling places open in 2018?
- 8 A. No. I'd have to look at the time, but it's --
- 9 it's pretty standard. Usually the first week's 8:00 to 10 5:00; second week, 7:00 to 7:00 and then Saturdays,
- 11 usually 7:00 to 7:00 and Sundays 12:00 to 6:00. It's
- 12 pretty -- that's our pretty standard hours each
- 13 election.
- 14 Q. Uh-huh. Okay. And did you do anything with
- 15 extended hours for voting in 2020?
- 16 A. They extended an extra week of early voting --
- 17 Q. Uh-huh.
- 18 A. -- so we had an extra week, and every day was
- 19 7:00 to 7:00. So they extended -- instead of 8:00 to
- 20 5:00, it was 7:00 to 7:00 --
- 21 Q. Okay.
- 22 A. -- with the exception of Sunday, which was
- 23 still 12:00 to 6:00.
- 24 Q. Okay. So for -- we were just talking about
- 25 2020 --

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- 1 A. (Witness moves head up and down.)
- 2 Q. -- when you did that.
- 3 Have you then, with respect to 2022, for the
- 4 March primary, did you keep those same hours as you had
- 5 in 2020; or did you make any adjustments?
- A. No. Went back to our standard 8:00 to 5:00,
- 7 7:00 to 7:00. We did extend the last day of early
- 8 voting for the primary to 10:00 o'clock.
- 9 Q. To 10:00 p.m.?
- 10 A. Uh-huh.
- 11 Q. And that was --
- 12 A. I believe it was the 25th of February. I
- 13 believe that was the last day of early voting.
- 14 Q. And why did you extend voting until 10:00 p.m.
- 15 on February 25th, 2022?
- 16 A. It was ordered by the County Judge. We kind of
- 17 found out at the last minute. They let us know, Hey
- 18 we're staying opened till 10:00.
- 19 And I don't even know if they advertised it or
- 20 whatever. But yeah, we found out at the last minute, so
- 21 we just kept the polls open till 10:00.
- 22 Q. You asked the poll workers to stay and --
- 23 A. Yeah. We had to send, like, a mass -- our
- 24 ePollbook has a messaging. So we sent a mass message,
- 25 and we were also calling them, too, so -- to let them
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- 1 know.
- 2 Q. Okay. And do you know if staying open until
- 3 10:00 p.m. on February 25th afforded voters in Dallas
- 4 County an additional opportunity to go to the polls and
- 5 cast their ballot that day?
- 6 MS. HUNKER: Objection, form.
- 7 A. It did, yes.
- 8 Q. (By Ms. Perales) Do you know or do you have a
- 9 sense of why the County Judge ordered you to stay open
- 10 till 10:00 p.m. on the last day?
- 11 A. I do not.
- 12 Q. Okay.
- 13 A. Can't recall.
- 14 Q. All right. Do you know if there were voters
- 15 who were trying to vote mail ballots who were then
- 16 coming to the polls on that last day, including up till
- 17 10:00 p.m., to -- to hand drop-off their mail ballots?
- 18 MS. HUNKER: Objection to form.
- 19 A. I don't know.
- 20 Q. (By Ms. Perales) Okay. So I have a question
- 21 about your involvement in kind of voting during the
- 22 election days when people are voting.
- 23 You're the Voter Registration Manager --
- 24 A. Uh-huh.
- 25 Q. -- but it sounds like you've also got some

- 1 duties that are related to the actual casting of
 - 2 ballots; is that right?
 - 3 A. No. I stick to voter registration. So we
 - 4 help -- like, if a judge calls, has a voter that's
 - 5 having an issue, they can't find them in the poll book,
 - 6 we look them up and help them. Like, during early
 - 7 voting, we offer limited ballot process. Election Day,
 - 8 they offer the provisional process, so we help them,
 - 9 help the judge and the voter through that.
 - 10 Q. Okay. And then, as the Voter Registration
 - 11 Manager, were you involved in trying to process, for
 - 12 March 2022, people's applications for ballot by mail and
 - 13 mail ballots to the extent that there was this new
 - 14 requirement to match the ID number, that was being
 - 15 provided, to the voter?
 - 16 A. No.
 - 17 Q. You weren't doing any of that matching work?
 - 18 A. No. If they -- if the ballot by mail
 - 19 department gave us a form, we -- like, because it had a
 - 20 Statement of Residence, also --
 - 21 Q. Uh-huh.
 - 22 A. -- on the form. So if they filled out a form,
 - 23 they would give it to us and we would update their
 - 24 information.
 - 25 Q. Okay. So that's if you had the person at the

1 wrong address.

- 2 Do you have any knowledge, in March of 2022,
- 3 this most recent primary election, of voters having to
- 4 put an ID number, either driver's license or last four
- 5 of the Social, on their application for ballot by mail
- 6 or on the carrier envelope?
- 7 A. Yes, I knew about that.
- 8 Q. Okay.
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Were you involved in doing any of the checking
- 11 of those numbers or trying to match those numbers to the
- 12 voter roll?
- 13 A. No, I wasn't.
- 14 Q. Okay. You've been designated to talk about
- 15 Dallas County's experience with voters who vote with
- 16 assistance in person from 2018 to the present.
- 17 Do you have knowledge about Dallas County
- 18 Election's experience with voters who come with another
- 19 person to vote in person, so at the polls?
- A. When we were preparing, they asked if we can
- 21 pull statistics. And so I went into our ePollbook, and
- 22 we -- we can. We do track that with our new ePollbook,
- 23 our current one. Before, we weren't tracking it; but I 24 was able to pull statistics to show how many people
- 24 was able to pair statistics to show now many people
- 25 requested assistance.

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- Q. Uh-huh. And I just learned vesterday that the
- 2 ePollbook can be handy for figuring that information
- 3 out.
- 4 A. Yeah.
- Q. So a couple of questions. When you say that
- 6 you didn't track it before, what does "before" mean?
- A. Before we implement our current ePollbook,
- 8 which is before 2020.
- Q. Okay. But for -- at least for 2020 onward, you
- 10 can run a report that tells you how many voters voted at
- 11 the polling place with assistance; is that right?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. And the poll book, the ePollbook is used in the
- 14 polling places where the people come personally to vote;
- 15 is that right?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Would you have that same information for who
- 18 voted with assistance by mail ballot, where the assistor
- 19 signs on the mail ballot --
- 20 A. I wouldn't have that, no.
- 21 Q. Okay. Did you run any reports about how many
- 22 voters used assistants in either this most recent 2022
- 23 or prior elections?
- 24 A. I did. I didn't -- I -- I ran the reports to
- 25 get the numbers. I wrote the numbers down, but I don't

- 1 A. All right.
- 2 Q. So since it sounds like you've already run a
- 3 few reports, so you're familiar with how to run these
- 4 reports, is that right, on the ePollbook?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Okay. Can you also get the names of the
- 7 voters?
- 8 A. Yes. The names are on the report.
- 9 Q. Okay. Okay. So, for example, you could see
- 10 which voters have a Spanish surname, like Lopez or
- 11 Perales versus another kind of name?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Okay. What is the software that you're using
- 14 now that allows you to run the report?
- A. It's called ExpressPoll Connect, and the vendor 15
- 16 is ES&S, which is Election Systems & Software.
- 17 Q. Have you ever assisted a voter to vote? Have
- 18 you ever gone with someone and helped them?
- 19 A. I have not.
- 20 Q. Okay. Do you have anyone in your family here
- 21 in Dallas County who uses assistants to vote?
- 22 A. No.
- 23 Q. No vieiitos?
- 24 No. Α.
- 25 Q. Okay. Does Dallas County -- or from January of

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- 1 have the reports.
- Q. Okay. So I'm going to ask you for the numbers
- 3 so you can --
- 4 A. Okay.
- Q. -- tell me them, and then I'm going to ask for
- 6 the reports, themselves, to be produced because I
- 7 believe that information is responsive to at least one
- 8 of our Requests for Production.
- 9 A. Okay.
- 10 Q. Okay. So tell me the numbers that you have.
- A. For this recent primary election, 2022, there
- 12 was 752 voters requested assistance. For November 2021,
- 13 there was a hundred and thirty. For June 2021, we had
- 14 88. For May 2021, we had 228. And for November 2020,
- 15 we had 4,335. And we had a small run-off election
- 16 December '21. We only had one.
- 17 Q. That must have been a very small run-off.
- 18 A. Yeah.
- Q. December of 2021. I'm just trying to think of 19
- 20 what office would have been in a run-off in December of
- 21 2021, but it must --
- 22 A. I --
- 23 Q. -- must have been something special.
- 24 A. Yeah.
- 25 Q. Okay. Thank you.

- Page 37 1 2018 until now, has Dallas County done any kind of voter
- 2 registration or voter outreach to specific communities
- 3 within Dallas County, either aiming the outreach at
- 4 particular neighborhoods or particular populations,
- 5 either voter registration outreach or voter outreach?
- A. Not specifically. Anytime we've gone out to do
- 7 voter drives, we go to high schools, we go to colleges,
- 8 college campuses. If somebody invites us because they 9 are having a big event -- it could be in the southern
- 10 sector, west side, east, we attend those. And so we
- 11 don't specifically target one area over the other.
- 12 Q. Okay. Have you ever done any special outreach,
- 13 for either registration or voting, to disabled folks in
- 14 the community, any special disability outreach?
- 15 A. No.
- 16 Q. Let's talk about immigrants to the United
- 17 States.
- 18 Do you do any voter registration drives outside
- 19 of naturalization ceremonies?
- A. No. We do inside. We -- we go inside to the 20
- 21 naturalization ceremony.
- 22 Q. Okay. So --
- 23 A. -- so...
- 24 Q. -- somewhere in the building, you set up a
- 25 table. Is that it?

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April 29, 2022 Page 38 Page 40 A. Yes. We used to, in the past, me and my staff, 1 patience with us today. You are not done, but you 2 we'd go to -- I mean, a couple of times a week 2 are done with me, and I'm going to pass you along to 3 sometimes -- and we would register newly citizens. Now 3 Mr. White here. But I did want to note for the record 4 we have an Outreach Coordinator that kind of handles 4 that, based on our discussion, that the ExpressPoll Pad 5 that. She was hired to do that, so she has volunteer 5 Connect software can run reports on how many voters 6 deputy registrars that go out to those locations now. 6 voted in person with an assistor, that we believe that Q. Do you have any records on how many people you 7 that information is responsive to some of our request 7 8 have registered to vote in connection with 8 for production. And we are happy to continue this 9 naturalization ceremonies? 9 conversation, but I want to note for the record that we 10 A. I don't. 10 believe that the reports that Mr. Lopez is referencing 11 Q. Nowhere do you -- do you have, like, something 11 is something that we've asked for in the case, and that 12 in your office that says, okay, for this past year, this 12 Mr. Lopez also suggested there might be records 13 is how many people we registered outside of 13 maintained by the Outreach Coordinator on voters --14 naturalization ceremonies, just to --14 voter outreach at naturalization ceremonies, which may 15 A. Right. 15 also be responsive to our discovery requests. And I'd 16 Q. -- show like how much work you're doing? 16 be happy to sort of pinpoint that for you at a later 17 A. Right. Maybe our Outreach Coordinator would. point, but I want to make sure that I get that on the 18 I just wouldn't have that right now. 18 record before I pass the witness. 19 Q. Okay. Do you do any outreach for voter 19 MR. STOOL: Understood. 20 registration or voting in languages other than English? 20 MS. PERALES: And now I pass the witness. 21 A. Spanish, yes. And we just got a third 21 MR. STOOL: All right. 22 language, so I'm sure we'll be doing Vietnamese MS. PERALES: And we're just going to --22 23 outreach, as well. 23 MR. WHITE: Yeah, I'll --24 Q. You're newly covered for Vietnamese, right? 24 MS. PERALES: -- hand this microphone to 25 A. Yes. 25 Mr. White. Page 39 Page 41 Q. And what's your other language? You said it's **EXAMINATION** 1 2 the third, so Spanish, Vietnamese --2 BY MR. WHITE:

3 A. And English. 4 Q. Oh. Okay. Have you ever done any voter 5 registration or voter outreach in minority neighborhoods 6 (indicating) specifically, or that just happens 7 naturally as a result of your regular work? A. Right. It happens --8 9 MS. HUNKER: Objection, form. 10 A. -- naturally. I mean, if the high school or 11 the college is in a minority area, I mean, yes, we're --12 we're there.

3 Q. Mr. Lopez, how are you? A. Doing good. 4

5 Q. I just have a couple of questions about your

6 testimony earlier about extended hours in voting. 7 And you testified earlier that polling places

8 were open until 10:00 p.m. on February 25th, 2022 --

9 A. Yes. 10 Q. -- is that right?

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And was that because of a Court Order?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. And do you remember what the reason was for the

14 judge ordering the extended voting hours?

A. I don't. 15

16 Q. Okay. And how late were polling places

17 supposed to stay open prior to that Court Order?

18 A. 7:00.

19 Q. Until 7:00 p.m.?

20 A. Well. If there's no voters in line at 7:00

21 o'clock. But if there's voters, they got to vote.

22 Q. Were you concerned that having polling places

23 open until 10:00 p.m. on that day would lead to a voter

24 fraud?

25 A. No.

13 Q. (By Ms. Perales) Okay. Do you -- do you have

14 any involvement in where you choose to locate polling

15 places for voting?

16 A. I don't.

17 MS. PERALES: I would like to take a

18 couple of minutes off the record, if I could.

19 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Okay. We're going off

20 the record. The time is 11:29 a.m.

21 (Break taken.)

22 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Okay. We are back on

23 the record. The time is 11:33 a.m.

24 MS. PERALES: Okay. Before I pass the

25 witness, Mr. Lopez, I want to thank you for your

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Page 42 Page 44 Q. Why not? 1 1 witness, I guess, to anyone on the Zoom who wants to ask 2 questions remotely --2 MS. HUNKER: Objection, form. 3 A. I have no reason to believe that, no. 3 MS. PERALES: Plaintiffs' side on the 4 Q. (By Mr. White) Was anyone in your office 4 Zoom. 5 5 concerned that having the polling places open until MR. WHITE: -- on the Plaintiffs' side. 10:00 p.m. would lead to voter fraud? 6 MS. PERALES: So I'm not tethered. Just 7 MS. HUNKER: Objection, form. give me a second to come down the table. 8 A. I can't speak for them, no. 8 MS. BENDER: The United States has no 9 Q. (By Mr. White) Did you hear anyone in your 9 questions at this time. Thank you. 10 office express concerns to you that these extended hours MS. PERALES: Thank you. This is Nina 10 11 would lead to voter fraud? 11 Perales talking to you now. Is there anybody on the 12 A. No. 12 Zoom who has questions for the witness from the Q. Did your office receive any complaints from 13 Plaintiffs' side? 14 voters that these extended hours would lead to voter 14 MS. CAI: No questions from us at this 15 time. Thank you. 15 fraud? 16 MS. HUNKER: Objection, form. 16 THE REPORTER: And can you identify? 17 A. I don't know if we received any complaints. 17 MS. PERALES: Yeah. And just let me know 18 Q. (By Mr. White) Are you aware of any voter 18 who said "No questions for the United States." MS. BENDER: This is Brady Bender. 19 fraud that occurred during these extended hours on 19 20 February 25th? 20 MS. PERALES: Brady Bender. 21 A. I'm not aware of any. 21 THE REPORTER: Thank you. Q. Do you know how many voters showed up to vote 22 22 MS. BENDER: Yes. 23 during these extended hours on February 25th? 23 MS. PERALES: Thank you so much. It just 24 A. I do not have those numbers. 24 sounds like --25 Q. Okay. Do you know if there were particular 25 MS. BENDER: Thank you. Page 43 Page 45 1 precincts in Dallas County where voters were more likely MS. PERALES: -- none of the other 2 to show up during these extended hours on February 25th? 2 Plaintiffs have questions. So I think it's coming 3 A. I don't --3 around the table to Ms. Hunker. 4 MS. HUNKER: Objection, form. 4 **EXAMINATION** 5 A. -- know that. 5 BY MS. HUNKER: 6 Q. Okay. 6 Q. All right. Hello, Mr. Lopez. 7 THE REPORTER: I'm sorry. Okay. Thank 7 8 you. 8 Q. It's good seeing you again. 9 Q. (By Mr. White) As a general matter, are there 9 A. You. too. 10 voters in Dallas County who struggle to make it to the Q. So I have only a handful of questions for you. 11 polls during normal voting hours? 11 To give you a precursor, my questions are mostly in 12 MS. HUNKER: Objection, form. 12 response to what the Plaintiffs have asked, and so 13 A. Repeat the question. 13 there's going to be a little bit of jumping around. Q. As a general matter, are there voters in Dallas 14 If at any point you get confused by my 14 15 who struggle to make it to the polls during normal 15 switching subject or I'm not clear, can you please let 16 me know? I am happy to lay either more foundation or to 16 voting hours? 17 MS. HUNKER: Objection, form. 17 rephrase the question. 18 18 A. I don't know. A. Okay. Q. Excellent. So you had spoken about the 19 MR. WHITE: Okay. I have no further 19 20 questions. 20 extended hours on February 25th, 2022; is that correct? 21 THE REPORTER: Just a --21 A. Yes. 22 MR. WHITE: And I will pass the --22 Q. And the extended hours was based off of 23 THE REPORTER: Just a second. Okay. 23 decision from a Court; is that correct? 24 Thank you. 24 A. Yes. The County Judge, yes. 25 MR. WHITE: Okay. Well, I will pass the 25 Q. So when you say "a court" and you say "the

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Pages 46 to 49 Page 46 Page 48 A. Yes. 1 County Judge," are you referring to a judicial action, 1 2 or are you referring to the County Judge acting in his 2 Q. And you had also discussed the process of 3 executive capacity in Dallas County? 3 eliminating precincts; is that right? A. The County Judge from the Commissioners Court. 4 A. Yes. Q. Okay. So you're referring to the Commissioners 5 Q. Will precincts be closed in November of 2020 6 Court made the decision to have extended hours? 6 based on the -- let me rephrase that question because I A. Yes. 7 7 used the wrong year. Q. Okay. So this was not imposed on Dallas 8 A. Uh-huh. 9 County. This was a decision that Dallas County made, 9 Q. Will precincts be closed in November 2022 based 10 itself; is that correct? 10 on the switch to countywide voting in 2019? A. Yes. 11 11 A. That is a plan, to close --12 Q. And they did not communicate why they asked for Q. Okay. 12 13 extended hours on February 25th? 13 A. -- those centers, yes. A. They may have. I just don't know that answer. 14 Q. Do you know how many? 15 Q. And so let me break that question down twice, 15 A. I don't have that number yet. 16 just to -- to clarify. 16 Q. Do you know how many early voting locations 17 You were not aware of the reasons they 17 were available for voters in November 2018? 18 requested extended hours at all during that election; is 18 A. I don't know that number. 19 that correct? 19 Q. Okay. What about November 2020? 20 A. Correct. 20 A. I don't have that number either. 21 21 Q. And you do not know why they requested extended Q. Okay. And you wouldn't know the amount of 22 hours on the specific day of February 25th; is that 22 election day locations on either of those years, would 23 correct? 23 you? 24 A. Correct. 24 No, not off the top of my head. No. A. 25 25 Q. When you extended hours from -- ending at 7:00 Q. Do you know if they'll be -- let's start with Page 47 Page 49 1 early voting -- if it will be the same number or 1 moving it to 10:00 p.m., were there any logistical 2 approximately the same number of polling locations in 2 challenges that you faced with that? A. Not that I'm aware of. 3 the early voting period in November 2022 as there was in 4 November 2018? Q. And when you're answering this question, are 5 you speaking about your specific subdivision within the A. Approximately, yes, it should be close. 6 Election Administrator's Office, or are you talking 6 Q. Okay. And I'm going to ask the same question 7 about the Election Administrators as a whole? 7 with respect to November 2020. 8 Do you know if this might be approximately the A. As a whole. 9 same number of locations in 2022, November, as there Q. Okay. And so did you have problems, for 10 example, securing additional poll watcher- -- poll 10 were in November 2020? 11 workers? 11 A. Approximately, yes, should be close. 12 12 A. Not that I'm aware of. Q. And I'm going to ask the same question with 13 respect to Election Day. 13 Q. And did you have any problem securing any 14 To your knowledge, are there going to be 14 election judges? 15 approximately the same number of polling locations on 15 A. Not that I'm aware of. Q. Did you consider hosting 24-hour voting 16 Election Day in November 2022 as there were in November 16 17 locations during November 2020? 17 2020? 18 18 A. No. It will be less.

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A. I don't.

24 county-wide voting on Election Day in 2019; is that 25 right?

Q. And do you know if your office considered

Q. So Ms. Perales had mentioned county-wide 23 voting, and you said you had -- Dallas County started

20 hosting extended hours during November 2020 at all?

A. Not that I'm aware of.

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21 Q. And what about based on 2018? Would there be 22 approximately the same number of polling locations in

Q. And do you know by how much, roughly?

23 November 2022 as there would be -- as there were in

24 '20 -- November 2020? Let me rephrase that question

25 because I completely messed up while stating it.

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Page 50 Page 52 Do you know if it will be approximately the 1 bring my grandmother in to vote and she's in a 2 same number of polling locations in November 2022 as 2 wheelchair and I helped push her to the polling 3 there were in November 2018? 3 location, but then she voted on her own, would she --A. It will be less. 4 would I have had to sign the poll book? 5 Q. It will be less. 5 MR. WHITE: Objection --A. Yes. 6 6 MS. PERALES: Objection --Q. And what was the reason for the decline? MR. WHITE: -- form. 7 7 A. It was -- in 2019, they decided to keep all of 8 A. No. 9 them open, when we went to vote centers. They wanted to 9 THE REPORTER: I'm sorry. Thank you. 10 keep every single precinct open. And then they said 10 Q. (By Ms. Hunker) And so only certain types of 11 after a two-year cycle, they would go down. They assistance are marked on the poll book; is that correct? 11 12 would -- the Commissioners Court would decide on 12 MS. PERALES: Objec- --13 decreasing the number of locations to save on cost and 13 A. Voting assistance. 14 number of poll workers --MS. PERALES: -- -tion --14 15 Q. Uh-huh. 15 Q. (By Ms. Hunker) Voting assistance. 16 A. -- so... MS. PERALES: -- this is --16 Q. And did they have voter input with this, or did 17 17 A. Yes. 18 they open the -- the decision-making process to voter THE REPORTER: Sorry. 18 19 input? MS. PERALES: Objection -- hold up --19 20 A. They opened it up. 20 THE WITNESS: Okay. 21 Q. And so voters were able to voice their concerns 21 MS. PERALES: -- for one second --22 or their support for the initiative? 22 THE WITNESS: Okav. 23 A. They have. 23 MS. PERALES: -- if you would. 24 MR. WHITE: Objection to form. 24 First, objection, form; second, I want to 25 A. They have -- they put a committee together, 25 object that this is outside the scope of the designated Page 53 Page 51 1 Vote Center Advisory Committee. 1 topic of this witness and possibly outside the scope of Q. (By Ms. Hunker) Do you know if any of the vote 2 his knowledge as the Voter Registration Director. 3 center committees findings or discussions are online? THE REPORTER: And I didn't hear your 4 4 answer. Can you say your answer again? You just said a A. I don't know if they are online. Q. Now, you had also discussed the ePad or the --5 few words, I know, but I did not hear you. 6 where you sign in on -- when in-person voting. And I 6 THE WITNESS: Yes. 7 believe you said that that picks up who has requested 7 THE REPORTER: Thank you. 8 assistance, all for the last few years; is that right? 8 Q. (By Ms. Hunker) And so let me ask the question 9 A. Yes. 9 again because I actually lost my place of thought. 10 Q. How does that work exactly? 10 MS. HUNKER: And I would ask that we keep A. The ePollbook has -- you can sign on the speaking objections to a minimum under local rules, 30, 11 11 12 ePollbook, so there's a oath on there if somebody 12 only because it does disrupt my thought process. 13 requests assistance, and then the person giving the 13 MS. PERALES: And I will, however, be 14 making the same objections again. 14 assistance signs the oath on there. And so when we do Go ahead, Ms. Hunker. 15 the report, even the signature comes on the report, as 15 16 well. 16 Q. (By Ms. Hunker) So only certain types of 17 Q. Okay. And so when it comes to assistants, it's 17 voting assistance are -- let me -- let me rephrase the 18 only picking up individuals who took the oath; is that 18 question. 19 correct? 19 Only people who are offering certain types of 20 A. Yes. 20 voting assistance sign on the ePad; is that correct? 21 Q. And so it's only taking individuals who assist 21 A. Yes. 22 with the actual marking of the ballot; is that correct? 22 MS. PERALES: Same objection. 23 MS. PERALES: Objection, vague. 23 Q. (By Ms. Hunker) And how much familiarity do 24 A. The -- for the ballot-marking device, yes. 24 you have with the ePad or the process in which an 25 Q. (By Ms. Hunker) So if, let's say, I were to 25 assistor would sign the ePad?

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April 29, 2022 Page 54 Page 56 1 assistor? A. I've been trained on it, and I've helped --A. Uh-huh. 2 2 I've trained others on my staff. I've trained them on Q. The voter says, I -- I want to bring this 3 it, as well. 4 person here to help me vote, and then the assistor signs 4 Q. So is this part of your responsibilities? A. Not at the polls. 5 5 the oath; is that correct? Q. But you said you have trained on this 6 A. Yes. 7 particular device; is that correct? 7 Q. And are -- do you know if there's criteria that 8 election judges and poll workers use to decide whether 8 A. Yes. 9 Q. And you've trained others? 9 someone who's pushing a wheelchair, for example, is or 10 isn't an assistor? 10 A. Right. 11 A. Is there a criteria? 11 Q. And have you seen it work and function? 12 Q. Yeah. Do the poll workers make the decision, 12 A. Yes. 13 who is an assistor? You know, what kind of help makes 13 Q. And are you familiar with how it operates? 14 A. Yes. 14 you an assistor or not? Do -- are you aware of any 15 criteria that the poll workers use to make that 15 Q. And you're familiar with the procedures in 16 which it -- it operates on this? 16 decision? 17 A. Yes. 17 A. They have a training guide, yes. Q. Okay. And so do you -- can you say, sitting 18 MS. HUNKER: All right. No further 19 here today, whether someone who's pushing a wheelchair 19 questions. 20 MS. PERALES: I have questions if Defense 20 with a voter and then comes in with them and over to the 21 Counsel don't. 21 voting station, can you say whether, sitting here today, 22 you know whether the poll workers would ask that person 22 MR. STOOL: No, I don't have any. 23 MS. PERALES: Okay. 23 who was pushing a wheelchair to sign the oath or not? 24 24 REEXAMINATION MS. HUNKER: Objection, form. 25 A. Yes, because that person would have to say, "I 25 BY MS. PERALES: Page 55 Page 57 Q. Well, Mr. Lopez, I spoke too soon when I said I 1 need assistance, and here's my assistor" --1 2 was done with you. 2 Q. (By Ms. Perales) Okay. 3 Do you work at the polling place on Election 3 A. -- yes. 4 Day? 4 Q. So, in that instance, the person pushing the

- 5 A. No.
- 6 Q. Do you make a decision or have you ever made
- 7 the decision whether somebody who is coming into the
- 8 polling place to assist another voter has to sign the
- 9 Oath of Assistance?
- 10 A. Not at the polls, no.
- Q. Are you aware of the criteria that poll workers
- 12 and election judges use to decide who has to sign the
- 13 Oath of Assistance when they come with a voter to the
- 14 polling place?
- 15 MS. HUNKER: Ob- --
- A. Yes. 16
- 17 MS. HUNKER: -- -jection, form.
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. (By Ms. Perales) Say that again.
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. And what is that criteria, then?
- A. If they are -- if the voter requests
- 23 assistance, that's the person that will be signing the 24 ePollbook.
- 25 Q. Okay. And so the voter comes with the

- 5 wheelchair and going over to the voting station with the
- 6 voter is the assistor who would sign the oath; is that 7 right?
- A. Yes. 8
- 9 MS. PERALES: Okay. Thank you.
- 10 I pass the witness.
- 11 MR. WHITE: I have no further questions.
- 12 MS. HUNKER: Just to quickly clarify on a
- 13 point, assuming there's no other questions from the
- 14 attorneys on Zoom. Hearing none --
- 15 MS. BENDER: No questions.
- 16 MR. STOOL: ID. ID. Who said that?
- 17 MS. PERALES: Oh, that's -- that's Brady.
- THE REPORTER: Thank you. 18
- 19 MS. BENDER: I'm sorry. That's right. No
- 20 questions at this time. Thank you.
- 21 REEXAMINATION
- 22 BY MS. HUNKER:
- Q. So in the example where an individual is being
- 24 pushed, the way that the as- -- the way they would sign

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Page 58 Page 60 1 assistor"; is that correct? 1 Q. What does that mean? 2 A. Correct. 2 A. That means a voter can go into the polls and 3 Q. And so if the person who is voting chooses not 3 just select a party, and it would select all those 4 to state, "This is my assistor," that person would not 4 candidates on that party. 5 sign the eBook; is that correct? 5 Q. So voters had an opportunity to vote straight 6 A. Correct. 6 ticket in 2018, correct? 7 7 A. Yes. MS. HUNKER: Thank you. 8 MS. PERALES: And so subject to another Q. They did not have that opportunity in November 9 witness saying that they can't testify on a topic that 9 2020; is that correct? 10 Mr. Lopez says he has knowledge of, then I think we can 10 A. That's correct. 11 switch over to the next witness now. Q. And they will not have that opportunity in 11 12 MR. STOOL: Okay. Mr. Lopez needs to get 12 November 2022; is that correct? 13 back to the Elections Department, which is not that far 13 A. That's correct. Q. And that's because the law changed in 14 from here, but -- so if he has to come back, he'll have 14 15 to drive back down here. But he's got duties he's got 15 between -- or I should say before November 2020 16 to take care of because early voting is going on as 16 election; is that correct? 17 we're having this conversation. 17 A. Correct. 18 MS. PERALES: Understood. Q. And so Texas no longer allows straight ticket 18 19 MR. STOOL: Okay. So --19 voting; is that correct? 20 MS. PERALES: Shall we take a moment off 20 A. Yes. 21 the record --21 MS. HUNKER: Thank you. 22 MR. STOOL: Sure. 22 THE WITNESS: Okay. Thanks. 23 MS. PERALES: -- to switch out our 23 MS. PERALES: And --24 witnesses. THE REPORTER: I'm sorry. Can you wait 24 MR. STOOL: Yes. 25 25 one second? Thank you. Page 59 Page 61 1 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Okay. We're going off REEXAMINATION 1 2 the record. The time is 11:53 a.m. 2 BY MS. PERALES: 3 (Break taken.) 3 Q. And just a couple of questions also about this 4 (Deposition Exhibit Number 3 marked.) 4 document, which I would like the court reporter to hand THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Okay. We're back on 5 5 to you, and it has been marked as Exhibit 3. 6 the record. The time is 12:06 p.m. 6 (Document handed to the witness.) 7 REEXAMINATION 7 Q. So, Mr. Lopez, you've been handed what has been 8 (Continued) 8 marked Exhibit 3, and do you recognize those as the two 9 BY MS. HUNKER: pages that you brought with you today to the deposition? 10 Q. Hi. Mr. Lopez. 10 A. Yes. 11 11 Q. And you described them a little bit earlier in 12 Q. I am sorry to bring you back onto the hot seat, 12 the deposition; is that right? 13 13 but I had one or two more questions for you in relation A. Yes. 14 to the document that you and your Counsel had produced 14 Q. And just for the sake of the record, on this 15 to us during the deposition. 15 first page of the exhibit, which is dated November 6th, 16 A. (Witness moves head up and down.) 16 2018, can you tell me what that last column is that is Q. So you see -- do you have in front of you the 17 titled ED, underscore, ADA? 18 document that says "Summary Report GRP-Detail," and then 18 A. ED's for Election Day. ADA is for America's 19 it says "2018 General & Joint Election"? 19 Disability Act, and that's for voters with disabilities 20 20 that are voting. 21 Q. And this is for November 6, 2018, correct? 21 Q. And is it voters who used a special machine to 22 A. Correct. 22 vote? 23 Q. And then there's a part here that says straight 23 A. Yes. An ADA machine, yes. 24 ticket; is that right? 24 Q. All right. So if a voter came in with an

A. Yes.

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25 assistant to help that voter vote on a regular machine,